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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT	Confirmation No. 4784	<i>OF</i>
Address to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231	Filing Date 01/10/2000	<i>Huynh</i>
	First Named Inventor Taylor	<i>Jas</i>
	Examiner Ho, Uyen T	
	Group Art Unit 3731	
	DOCKET No. GUID006CON6	

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002, the response period for which has been extended to October 28, 2002 (October 27, 2002 being a Sunday) by the Request for a one month Extension of Time filed concurrently herewith.

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Amendment

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Please cancel claims 3-7 without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuing applications directed to the subject matter recited therein.

The Restriction

In the restriction requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-2 and 8-13, drawn to a minimally invasive coronary anastomosis procedure, classified in class 606, subclass 198; and

Group II: Claims 3-7 and 14-18, drawn to a surgical device, classified in class 606, subclass 198.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 14-18 (claims 3-7 having been canceled without prejudice above) without traverse.

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Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number STAN135.

Respectfully submitted,

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